

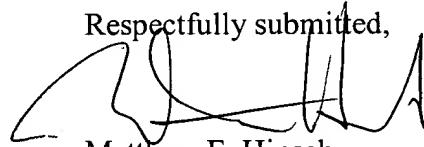
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The election is made with the understanding that upon the determination that the elected species is free of the prior art, additional species will be examined in accordance with MPEP § 803.02, which states that "should no prior art be found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search of the Markush-type claim will be extended" and that "[t]he prior art search will be extended to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of the Markush-type claim."

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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